

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT
DIGEST FOR ESB 263**

Citations Affected: IC 12-20; IC 16-41.

Synopsis: Township trustees. Requires a township trustee to: (1) assist individuals with certain disabilities in completing a poor relief application; and (2) make alternate arrangements for obtaining the signature of an individual who is unable for certain reasons to sign the application in the trustee's office. Requires a trustee to act upon a "completed" application. Provides circumstances under which a township trustee may authorize the payment of delinquent bills for certain utility services. Allows a township trustee to require individuals needing insulin to make a regular application for poor relief assistance before receiving free insulin a second time. (This conference committee report: (1) removes the language contained in HB 1799; and (2) requires a trustee to act upon a "completed" application.

Effective: July 1, 2001.

Adopted

Rejected

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MR. SPEAKER:

Your Conference Committee appointed to confer with a like committee from the Senate upon Engrossed House Amendments to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 263 respectfully reports that said two committees have conferred and agreed as follows to wit:

that the Senate recede from its dissent from all House amendments and that the Senate now concur in all House amendments to the bill and that the bill be further amended as follows:

- 1 Page 1, delete lines 1 through 17.
- 2 Delete pages 2 through 5.
- 3 Page 6, delete lines 1 through 14.
- 4 Page 7, between lines 8 and 9, begin a new paragraph and insert:
- 5 "SECTION 3. IC 12-20-6-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- 6 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 7. (a) In a case of
- 7 emergency, a trustee shall accept and promptly act upon ~~an~~ a
- 8 **completed** application from an individual requesting assistance. In a
- 9 nonemergency request for poor relief assistance, the trustee shall act on
- 10 the **completed** application not later than seventy-two (72) hours after
- 11 receiving the application, excluding weekends and legal holidays listed
- 12 in IC 1-1-9. The trustee's office shall retain a copy of each application
- 13 and affidavit whether or not relief is granted.
- 14 (b) The actions that a trustee may take on ~~an~~ a **completed** application
- 15 for poor relief, except in a case of emergency, are the following:
- 16 (1) Grant assistance.
- 17 (2) Deny assistance, including a partial denial of assistance
- 18 requested.
- 19 (3) Leave the decision pending.
- 20 (c) A decision pending determination under subsection (b)(3):
- 21 (1) may not remain pending for more than seventy-two (72) hours

after the expiration of the period described in subsection (a); and
 (2) must include a statement listing the specific reasons that
 assistance is not granted or denied within the period required under
 subsection (a).

SECTION 4. IC 12-20-6-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 8. (a) A township trustee shall
 promptly notify in writing each applicant for poor relief of action taken
 upon ~~an~~ **a completed** application for poor relief. The trustee shall do
 the following:

(1) Mail notice or provide personal notice not later than
 seventy-two (72) hours, excluding weekends and legal holidays
 listed in IC 1-1-9, after the **completed** application is received,
 advising the applicant of the right to appeal an adverse decision of
 the trustee to the board of commissioners.

(2) Include in the notice required under subdivision (1) the
 following:

(A) The type and amount of assistance granted.

(B) The type and amount of assistance denied or partially
 granted.

(C) Specific reasons for denying all or part of the assistance
 requested.

(D) Information advising the applicant of the procedures for
 appeal to the board of commissioners.

(b) A copy of the notice described in subsection (a) shall be filed
 with the recipient's application and affidavit in the trustee's office.

**(c) An application for poor relief is not considered complete until
 all adult members of the requesting household have signed:**

(1) the poor relief application; and

(2) any other form, instrument, or document:

(A) required by law; or

**(B) determined necessary for investigative purposes by the
 trustee, as contained in the township's poor relief
 guidelines."**

Page 8, line 32, delete "both of".

Page 8, line 33, delete "following conditions are met:".

Page 8, line 34, delete "(1) The".

Page 8, run in lines 33 through 34.

Page 8, delete lines 36 through 38.

Page 10, delete lines 17 through 42.

Page 11, delete lines 1 through 41.

Page 13, delete lines 6 through 9.

Re-number all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to ESB 263 as printed April 9, 2001.)

Conference Committee Report
on
Engrossed Senate Bill 263

Signed by:

Senator Lawson C
Chairperson

Representative Stilwell

Senator Smith S

Representative Young D

Senate Conferees

House Conferees